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which has
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The 29-year-old, David Chukwuneke Adindu impersonated company executives and vendors through emails, causing his victims to make humongous wire transfers.

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At Manhattan federal court, he pleaded not guilty to charges including wire fraud. This came more than three weeks after the FBI said he was arrested at a Houston airport.

Adindu's case is nothing new as there are people who have scammed others of huge amounts of money. The system of this scam targets businesses that work with foreign suppliers or regularly perform wire transfers.

In June the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said that there have been 22,143 complaints from U.S. and foreign victims about this method of cyber crime. According to some of the victims, the perpetrators of the crime usually requested for sums as huge as \$3.1 billion in transfers.

According to Adindu's indictment, he was involved in this cyber crime between 2014-2016. During this period, he was reportedly living in Guangzhou, China, and Lagos, Nigeria, where he worked with others to carry out these fraudulent actions.

One of Adindu's victims was a New York investment firm, where an employee received an email claiming in June 2015 to be from an investment adviser at another firm asking for a \$25,200 wire transfer.

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The employee of the New York investment firm eventually figured out that the mail was not sent by the adviser, hence refused to send another wire transfer of \$75,100.

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) has since warned Nigerians to shun cyber crime, stating that the cyberspace is not an avenue to promote hatred as there are laws guiding against such.

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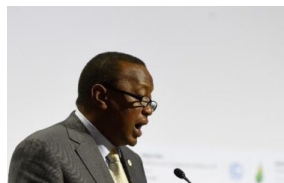
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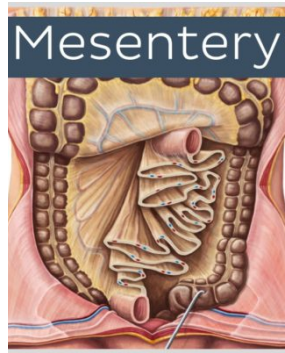
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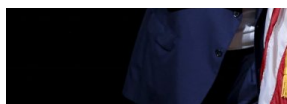

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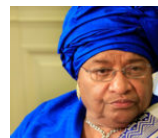
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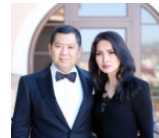
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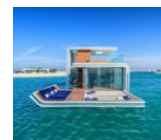
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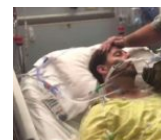
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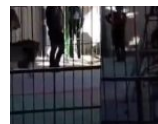
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